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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
<b>Combating Child Labor Through Education - Western Africa ns</b>	This project provides capacity to governments to adhere to internationally recognized labor standards, including freedom from child labor, which is a requirement for receipt of U.S. trade benefits. This activity focuses in Sierra Leone and Liberia. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>6,000,000</b>
<b>Combating Child Labor in Mining - Western Africa ns</b>	This project provides capacity to governments to adhere to internationally recognized labor standards, including freedom from child labor, which is a requirement for receipt of U.S. trade benefits. This activity is focused in Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) - Customs Union Common External Tariff</b>	This project is a follow-up to the ECOTrade project that provides capacity building to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to fully implement the ECOWAS Common External Tariff and Customs Union. The Common External Tariff and the Free Trade Area were both agreed to by the ECOWAS Heads of State in 1975, and again in 1993. A Common External Tariff implies that all goods entering into the customs territory of any ECOWAS country will be assessed the same rate of customs duty. Countries that are not members of the West African Economic and Monetary Union are eligible to participate in this project. Anticipated results of this project are a freer flow of goods throughout the West African region, improved understanding of the relationship between customs, tariff revenue and trade development, elimination of tariff escalation and improved capacity to formulate trade policy, and harmonized trade policies throughout the region. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>474,048</b>
<b>Facilitating Regional Remittances and Trade Settlements</b>	This activity will promote economic integration in West Africa by facilitating intra-regional remittances and trade settlements. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	<b>450,000</b>
<b>Insurance of Investment in Regional Natural Gas Pipeline</b>	Insurance of Investment in large gas pipeline that will import equipment. The pipeline will run through the nations of Benin, Ghana, and Togo and enable trade for natural gas from Nigeria. The project is expected to lower energy costs for the countries involved and increase industrial output. OPIC provides a total of \$45 million in risk insurance financing to the pipeline project. The funding included in the database of \$2.75 million is the cost of providing that insurance. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>2,747,479</b>

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<b>Mission Support Costs to Trade Capacity Building</b>	This activity relates to providing appropriate supervision, technical assistance, and support to trade capacity building activities in West Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	WTO Awareness	20,188
		Agreement on SPS	20,188
		E-Commerce & IT	181,689
		Export Promotion	90,844
		Business Services & Training	90,844
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	10,094
		Other Trade Facilitation	191,783
		Physical Infrastructure Development	30,281
		Trade-Related Agriculture	272,533
		Other Services Development	100,938
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>1,009,383</b>
<b>Regional Market Information System (MISTOWA)</b>	The purpose of the Regional Market Information System (RMIS) project is to educate West African traders, producers and consumers about agricultural markets. Lack of understanding of agricultural markets is a significant barrier to trade. A better understanding of markets will lead to informed decision making, resulting in higher profits for producers and traders as well as lower prices for consumers. The end goal of this activity is to increase trade in agricultural products and trade based food security, by providing commercially relevant and timely information to those involved in cross-border trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	E-Commerce & IT	966,585
		Trade-Related Agriculture	1,449,878
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>2,416,463</b>

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<b>Regional Telecom</b>	This new activity will leverage existing efforts to enhance the development of the telecommunications industry in West Africa while adopting a regional approach that engages the private sector. This activity will provide technical assistance to Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), West Africa Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), other regional organizations and the private sector. The activity will address regulatory, legal and other issues in order to improve industry performance. The result of this activity will be an improved environment for telecommunications service providers, increased investment in telecommunications assets, and increased diversity and penetration of telecommunications services. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>700,000</b>
<b>Sanitary-Phytosanitary (SPS) Issues for Central Africa</b>	Comprehensive training activity on the trade policy with regard to the WTO and international standards setting bodies, pest risk assessment training and a forum to discuss public and private sector concerns as they intersect with sanitary and phyto-sanitary (SPS) issues. Funded by USAID/AFR and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	<b>252,000</b>
<b>West Africa Business Linkages</b>	This is a new activity to facilitate trade links between West African and U.S. businesses. The goal of this project is to increase trade between the U.S. and West Africa, and to increase investment in West Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Export Promotion	250,000
		Business Services & Training	250,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>West Africa Cotton Technical Assistance</b>	Support for an African Ministerial trip from Cotton-4 (C-4) countries of West Africa to tour the U.S. cotton sector and a reciprocal visit by the U.S. Government to West Africa to assist West African cotton producing countries in improving their cotton sector with the goal of enabling them to be more competitive on the world market. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>226,000</b>
<b>West Africa Gas Pipeline</b>	The West African Gas Pipeline (WAGP) is a project to construct a 630 km pipeline that will deliver the methane component of Nigerian gas to Ghana, Togo and Benin. The pipeline will allow countries access to cleaner and cheaper gas, facilitating economic growth through access to cheaper energy. USAID/WARP contributes to this effort by providing technical assistance to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) member countries and the private developer consortium. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>450,000</b>

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<b>West Africa Power Pool</b>	The purpose of the power pool is to provide a reliable and competitively priced supply of energy in the region, promote energy trade and promote investment in the sector. This activity supports the Economic Community of West African States to address the legal, fiscal, administrative, management and technical issues necessary for the power pools creation and development. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>956,000</b>
<b>West Africa Trade Hub</b>	The objective of West African Trade Hub (WATH), headquartered in Accra, Ghana, is to encourage West African businesses to take advantage of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and to develop capacity for better engagement in the multilateral trading system. The West African Trade Hub opened in 2003. The Hub activities support four key areas: Trade Capacity Building, AGOA Export Development, AGOA Support Services and Information Dissemination. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	WTO Awareness	162,505
		Customs Operation & Administration	325,011
		Export Promotion	650,021
		Business Services & Training	650,021
		Other Trade Facilitation	1,462,548
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>3,250,106</b>
<b>West African Economic and Monetary Union Agency for Aviation Safety and Security</b>	This U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)-sponsored technical assistance represents a significant attempt by the Agency to bolster its presence in Francophone West Africa. By working with the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), USTDA is partnering with a dynamic regional organization committed to improving the economy of the region and the lives of the people who live there. The technical assistance will analyze and make recommendations for the establishment of a regional aviation safety and security regulatory agency. The new agency is part of WAEMUs overall Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Project (COSCAP), which involves numerous entities such as the International Civil Aviation Authority (ICAO), the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, and the World Bank. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>353,000</b>

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West African Economic and Monetary Union Transportation - Regional Rail Integration	This feasibility study will analyze a regional railway interconnection project that is comprised of three sub-components: a railway connection between Mali and Burkina Faso, a connection between Burkina Faso and Niger, and a connection between Niger and Benin. This activity represents a significant attempt by the Agency to bolster its presence in Francophone West Africa. By working with the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is partnering with a dynamic regional organization committed to improving the economy of the region and the lives of the people who live there. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Other Trade Facilitation	307,300
		Physical Infrastructure Development	307,300
		Activity Total	614,600
Total FY05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Western Africa NS			23,399,079